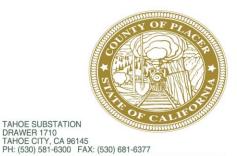


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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

For the third year in a row, the Placer County Sheriff's Office has been honored for hosting one of the best National Night Out events in the U.S. in 2011, placing thirteenth, just behind much larger jurisdictions like Los Angeles County and Houston, Texas.

National Night Out is celebrated annually on the first Tuesday of August, when first-responders caravan in emergency vehicles to dozens of Placer County neighborhoods. They visit established Neighborhood Watch groups, which hold ice cream socials, barbecues and all sorts of get-togethers. In 2011, more than 37 million people in 15,325 communities across the U.S. participated.

Dedicated members of all the Neighborhood Watch groups in Placer County are given credit for the department's win.

"The commitment these neighbors have shown by taking control of their neighborhoods and watching out for each other is the reason we earned national recognition again," said Sheriff Ed Bonner.

Neighborhoods interested in creating a Neighborhood Watch group are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (530) 889-7800.



Picture above, from left to right, are PCSO personnel who helped make National Night Out 2011 an award-winning success: Community Services Officer Lynn Harrison, Deputy Victoria Skellenger, CSO Shannon Herdegen, Lt. Wayne Woo, Undersheriff Devon Bell, CSO Amanda Rogers, Sgt. Rob Dellinger and CSO Kim Rivera. (photo by Dena Erwin, PIO)